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### A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

**THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The third Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 P & H.

The 2005 "3rd Revised Ultimate History" is \$63 including P&H. which includes the First, Second and Third Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$53 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the third supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2009.

**CONVENTION 2009:** This is our 34th convention. Dates are Oct 22 – 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>.

**CONVENTION 2008:** 2008 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: [fsberney@verizon.net](mailto:fsberney@verizon.net).

Two years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

### SCRIPT CONTEST:

For the F.O.T.R. script contest this year, the subject is "Sports." For instance, it could be a dramatized 1930's adventure whose hero is a player on a team, and include excerpts from a radio play-by-play (short) in which the team suffers a defeat, and another later on in which there's a great comeback, but these are not rigid requirements.

No more than 6 in the cast, please (bit parts could be doubled). Script should be a half-hour, and sponsor could be a laxative, a razor blade or some other product from the '30's (a short commercial, with just billboard opening and closing.) Please note: double spaced script, no smaller than 12 point, ready to produce.

First prize winner gets \$200 and will be performed the following year; Second prize is \$100.

Submit scripts to: Dave Zwengler, 318 Plymouth Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. **Deadline is August 31st.**

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; **The Jack Benny Times**, Jan – Apr; article on how the color Jack Benny Specials were obtained. They are now available through the International JB Fan Club; **Air Check**; Jan; article about Fibber McGee & Molly; **The Illustrated Press**, Feb; articles about Gil Stratton, Jr. and The Railroad Hour; **Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about Joe Penner; Radio Berlin; Bill Stern; Ellery Queen and the Norths; **Nostalgia Digest**; spring; articles about Chuck Schaden; Pat Novak; forgotten radio shows; Les Paul; **The Illustrated Press**; March; article about Frontier Gentleman; The Texas Rangers and Joel McCrea

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)>, <[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)> or <[Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com)>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web ([www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com)) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265;

<Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598  
(www.bookhunterpress.com/radio);-**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 252, Churchville, MD. 21028;  
(717) 456-6208 <www.martingrams.com>;-**Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

### . CONVENTIONS:

**Cincinnati's 23rd Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention**, April 24 – 25, 2009; Cincinnati North Hotel; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>  
**SPERDVAC Convention**, May 1 – 3, 2009 at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn, North Hollywood, CA;  
many OTR events and guests. for information contact Jerry Williams at <mrj1313@sbcglobal.net>.

**20th Annual Radio Classics Live!** Sat, May 2, 2009, Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA. Contact Bob Bowers (508-758-4865, bobowers@verizon.net) or Alan Chapman (508-459-1864, otrghost@gmail.com)

**REPS Showcase XVII**, June 26 – 27, 2009; Seattle Hotel, WA; Contact 206-542-6231 for questions and details or go to <www.repsonline.org>

**4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention**, August 27 – 29, 2009. The Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, Maryland. Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>

**34th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 22 – 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 727-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

**THE INTERNET:** Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

**WEB SITES:** Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www2.pcom.net/robmc/dotrbuffalo/> **Doug Kosmonek** <http://members.shaw.ca/douglasosmonek> new e-mail is <douglasosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> The **MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by [www.mwotrc.com](http://www.mwotrc.com) or [www.readiorecall.com](http://www.readiorecall.com) **Radio Memories (NEW)** [www.radiomemories.com](http://www.radiomemories.com)...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <[www.rhac.org](http://www.rhac.org)> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>; **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first):** **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <[www.old-time.com/mccoy.html](http://www.old-time.com/mccoy.html)> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <[JHaendiges@aol.com](mailto:JHaendiges@aol.com)> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <[tedotr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tedotr@sbcglobal.net)> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <[asajb2000@yahoo.com](mailto:asajb2000@yahoo.com)>;**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <[ga@radio.fm](mailto:ga@radio.fm)>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <[www.beqbooks.com](http://www.beqbooks.com)>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <[jbarber@gno.lib.la.us](mailto:jbarber@gno.lib.la.us)>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <[Thomasmartin245@aol.com](mailto:Thomasmartin245@aol.com)> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <[Berney@fred.net](mailto:Berney@fred.net)> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <[bob@brcbroadcast.com](mailto:bob@brcbroadcast.com)> <[www.brcradio.com](http://www.brcradio.com)> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <[audio-classic.com](http://audio-classic.com)> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <[lodestone-media.com](http://lodestone-media.com)> (Deals in New Audio Theater

**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast> All listings below list sampling of shows. **BRC Productions; Supplement one, 2009**; more CD's and MP3's; Bob Hope; Chandu; Life with Luigi .

**IN FOND MEMORY**: **Susanna Foster**, Jan 17, 84; actress (at least 2 Lux);-**James Whitmore**, Feb 6, 87; Actor (Lux, Family Theater);-**Molly Bee**, Feb 10, 69; singer (Rex Allen, Tennessee Ernie Ford) recent attendee at FOTR convention;-**Phil Carey**, Feb 7, 83; actor (Family Theater);-**Louie Bellson**, Feb 14, 84; drummer (Duke Ellington);-**Vivienne Della Chiesa**, Jan 6, 94; opera singer; on many shows;-**Paul Harvey**, Feb 28, 90; news commentator and talk-radio pioneer; started in Chicago in 1947;-**Wendy Richards**, Feb 26, 65; British actress (The Lark);-**Jimmy Boyd**, Mar 7, 70; singer, actor (Bing Crosby);-**Hank Locklin**, Mar 8, 91; country singer (Grand Ole Opry)

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